

Notice of Allowability

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/02/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-19.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 28 October 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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Patent Examiner
12/06/04

Examiner's Amendment

1. An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes or additions be unacceptable to Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

2. Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §606.01, this title has respectfully been changed to read as follows:

**--MAINTAINING COHERENCY IN A SYMBIOTIC COMPUTING SYSTEM
AND METHOD OF OPERATION THEREOF --**

3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given via e-mail (see attached) from Bruce E. Garlick (Reg. No. 36,520) on December 06, 2004 to correct minor noted informality on abstract. Correction is provided below on a separate page.

4. This communication warrants No Examiner's Reason for Allowance, applicant's reply makes evident the reasons for allowance, satisfying the "record as a whole" proviso of the rule 37 CFR 1.104(e). Specifically, the substance of applicant's remarks filed 9/02/04 primarily with respect to the added claim limitations (i.e. added features noted on remarks p. 8, lines 1-5) point out the reasons why claims are patentable over the references (see remarks p. 7-8), the reasons for allowance are in all probability evident from the record and no statement is deemed necessary (see MPEP 1302.14).

5. Claims 1-19 are allowed.

6. Double patent analysis has been performed with respect to issued patents having common relationship of inventorship and/or ownership with respect to the above-allowed claims, none are found to warrant a double patenting rejection.

7. Any comments Applicants considers necessary must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and to avoid processing delays, should preferable accompany the Issue Fees. Such submission should be clearly labeled " Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance". In event of any post-allowance papers (e.g. IDS, 312 amendment, petition, etc.), Applicant is exhorted to mail papers to the Production Control branch in Publications or faxed to post-allowance papers correspondence branch at (703) 308-5864 to expedite issuing process or call PUB's Customer Service if any questions at (703) 305-8497.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to B. Prieto whose telephone number is (571) 272-3902. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 6:30 to 4:00 p.m. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's Supervisor, Jack B. Harvey can be reached on (571) 272-3896. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3800/4700.

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PLEASE DELETE ABSTRACT AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING ONE:

A symbiotic computing system includes a plurality of symbiotic partners that are communicatively coupled with one another and each of which has a respective instance of a managed resource. One (or more) of the symbiotic partners receive input that affects a respective instance of the managed resource. Based upon the input, the symbiotic partner produces actions and transmits the actions to each other of the symbiotic partners. Upon receipt, each other of the symbiotic partners receives the actions and uses the actions to affect a respective instance of the managed resource to maintain coherency of the managed resource. The managed resource may include data entities such as data file, data bases, configuration files and source files and other types of resources such as video images, symbiotic relationship configurations and executables. Alterations made to an instance of the managed resource are made to each other instance of the managed.